

**BLACKSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**News Release**

**DATE:** April 14, 2005

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**SUBJECT:** Malicious Wounding

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Blacksburg police are investigating a shooting that left a 14-year-old hospitalized.

Police were called to Clayton Estates in the 400 block of Givens Lane at 9:35 p.m. on April 13, 2005 to investigate a shots fired complaint. Officers arrived and discovered that at least 4 shots had been fired from a small caliber handgun at three different people. One of the victims, a 14-year-old female had been hit in the lower abdomen by a single bullet.

The suspect, 28-year-old Michael Paul Collins, had arrived at a residence in Clayton Estates a short time before the shooting and was confronted by the mother of the juvenile. Apparently Collins and the juvenile were involved in a romantic relationship and the juvenile's mother confronted him about the relationship. Collins fired between one and three shots at the mother, whose identity is being withheld to protect the juvenile. The mother was not hit. Collins then turned the gun on another family member and fired and missed. The juvenile was then shot when she intervened by stepping between Collins and her mother.

The juvenile was airlifted to Roanoke Memorial Hospital where she was listed in stable condition.

Collins fled the scene and has not been arrested. Police have obtained warrants charging him with Aggravated Malicious Wounding, a Class 2 Felony, and expect other charges to be placed later. He is described as a black male, 5'6" tall and 130 pounds. He left the scene in what was only described as a white car. Anyone with information on Collins whereabouts is asked to call the Blacksburg Police at 961-1150.